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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - FEBRUARY 24, 1977

1. U.S. COVERAGE
--V GONCHAROV'S "MICROWAVES AND MACROSUPPOSITIONS"

(IZVESTIYA FEB 23) CITES DATA FROM SCIENCE TRENDS SHOWING MICROWAVE LEVELS TO BE CONSIDERABLY HIGHER IN VARIOUS LOCALITIES OF THE U.S., AS COMPARED WITH THOSE REGISTERED IN THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW.

--THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN NORTH CAROLINA RECEIVES DETAILED TREATMENT BY V. KOBYSH (IZVESTIYA, FEB 23). THIS OTHERWISE PREDICTABLE ACCOUNT, HOWEVER, CONCLUDES WITH A REFERENCE TO THE OPEN LETTER SENT BY JAMES BALDWIN, THE WELL-KNOWN BLACK WRITER, TO PRESIDENT CARTER CALLING ON THE LATTER TO SHOW CONCERN FOR IMPRISONED BLACK CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVISTS. IN A POINTED INDIRECT REFERENCE TO THE CARTER-SAKHAROV CORRESPONDENCE, KOBYSH NOTED THAT "SO FAR AS IS KNOWN, THE LETTER OF JAMES BALDWIN REMAINS UNANSWERED."

--TREATMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN PRAVDA (FEB 24) INCLUDES: --AN ACCOUNT OF AN ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY WORLD BY U.S. COMMUNIST HERBERT APTHEKER (DESCRIBED BY PRAVDA AS A MARXIST HISTORIAN) CASTIGATING THE HYPOCRISY OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, GIVEN SYSTEMATIC VIOLATIONS BY U.S. AUTHORITIES OVER THE YEARS; --A CARTOON DEPICTING A CAPITALIST WITH A HALO DECLAIMING ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS WHILE STANDING ON THE BODIES OF FOREIGN MARTYRS TO HUMAN RIGHTS; --A REPORT ON CONTINUED HEARINGS ON HUMAN RIGHTS BY THE UN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN GENEVA WITH THE U.S., ENGLAND AND OTHER WESTERN STATES CAST IN THE ROLE OF DEFENDENTS.

--KZ'S I. ABLAMOV REVIEWS THE MILITARY BUDGET SUBMITTED BY PRESIDENT CARTER TO CONGRESS AND FINDS IT DISAPPOINTING: MUCH HIGHER THAN THE PENTAGON'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CURRENT BUDGET AND ONLY SLIGHTLY LOWER THAN THE ORIGINAL ESTIMATE PREPARED BY PRESIDENT FORD.

--KZ HAS TASS NICOSIA ARTICLE ON CLIFFORD VISIT. CYPRUS PRESS, SAYS TASS, HAS EXPRESSED "SERIOUS CONCERN" OVER ATTEMPTS BY NATO CIRCLES TO SUPPLANT UN ROLE IN SOLVING CYPRUS PROBLEM WITH "DIFFERENT SORTS OF MEDIATORY MISSIONS."

2. EUROPE - GENERAL

--HONECKER INTERVIEW WITH SAARBRUCKER ZEITUNG REPORTED IN PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA. BERLIN PROTION REPEATS LINE ABOUT FRG EFFORTS TO MAKE WEST BERLIN PART OF FRG AND NOTES THAT QA DOES NOT APPLY TO EAST BERLIN. NO MENTION OF VERORDNUNGSBLAT CEASING PUBLICATION.

--IZVESTIYA REPORTS SOVIET NOTE TO UNSYG URGING CTB DISCUSSIONS WITH PARTICIPATION OF NON-NUCLEAR STATES.

--PRAVDA'S REGULAR DISARMAMENT PIECE IS LONG, WIDE-RANGING ONE BY SH. SANAKOEV URGING, INTER ALIA,

SUPPORT FOR WARSAW PACT INITIATIVES.

3. MIDDLE EAST

--PRAVDA CARRIES TASS ALGIERS REPORT ON PRESS
CONFERENCE BY PLO SPOKESMAN ABU MAYZAR IN WHICH HE PRAISED
SOVIET POLICY TOWARD PLO AND CRITICIZED U.S. UNCONDITIONAL
SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL.

--PRAVDA AND KZ CITE LONDON DAILY TELEGRAPH
ARTICLE CRITICAL OF EGYPTIAN REFERENDUM AND SADAT'S
POLICIES IN GENERAL. PRAVDA HAS TASS CARIO ITEM, BASED
ON ROSE EL YOUSSEF ARTICLE, ON UNFOUNDED NATURE OF EGYPTIAN
GOVERNMENT'S CHARGES AGAINST COMMUNISTS AND OTHER LEFTISTS
FOR THEIR ROLE IN JANUARY DISTURBANCES.

--S. NIKONOV WRITES IN IZVESTIYA
ON TRANSFORMATION OF ALGERIAN ECONOMY AND SOCIETY (PROBLEMS
REMAIN IN COUNTRYSIDE). NIKONOV MENTIONS "SUBVERSIVE
ACTIVITY" OF THOSE WHO TRY TO HINDER DEMOCRATIC TRANS-
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FORMATION IN COUNTRY.

--IZVESTIYA NOTES WALL STREET JOURNAL CHARGE
THAT CIA SUPPLIED MONEY TO ISRAEL FOR USE IN ENCOURAGING
SUPPORT IN NUMBER OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

4. ASIA.

--PRAVDA'S COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN, BY VSEVOLOD
KALININ, IS CALLED "BY HOOK OR BY CROOK" AND CRITICIZES
TRENDS TOWARD MILITARY COOPERATION AMONG THE ASEAN COUNTRIES.
THE ARTICLE REFERS TO A RECENT SEMINAR IN JAKARTA ON "REGIONAL
SECURITY" AND ALSO CHARGES THAT "BANGKOK" IS PROMOTING A MILITARY
LINK WITHIN ASEAN. "IMPERIALISM" TAKES ITS USUAL KNOCKS
FOR ALLEGEDLY SUPPORTING THIS EFFORT, WHICH IS SAID TO BE AGAINST
THE INTERSTS OF THE PEOPLES OF THE REGION.
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